

# Oak Bay Lawn Bowling Club

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## President's Report.

I hope that everyone felt that the season went well. I certainly enjoyed it and I write this, my final contribution as president, to the Newsletter, with intense gratitude to all the people who made this season so successful. We must start with the greens keepers who work so hard, usually out of sight of the members, to give us the essential quality greens that we enjoy. Aesthetically, our surroundings are very pleasing - all the work of our garden group. Our buildings remain lighted and are well maintained. We constantly receive accolades on the effectiveness of our coaching program. Our games staff and tournament managers have done a first class job in providing both a varied and a challenging games menu. Our food and beverage people have made us content even through ten other club visits and other extraordinary demands, and the social program has been a blast. Above all, I sense a spirit in our club that is a perfect meld of friendship, competitiveness and cooperation. Acrimony, mean spiritedness, cliquishness and other negatives simply do not seem to exist. It's been a great year to be president.

We are a club with an energetic winter program that keeps us in contact with each other through the social events, short mat, darts, bridge, cribbage and Mah Jongg. We are willing to add to these activities should a demand for this occur, as it did last winter when Mah Jongg was added. Again, these activities do not run in a vacuum but happen because of the dedication of volunteers.

All the above is, of course, but a prelude to every president's exhortation. We have superb volunteers in the club. We never ask for help in vain (although we sometimes have to ask more people than we could wish). What we slightly lack are people who will step forward to lead. It's not hard. It's highly rewarding and very satisfying. If you have ever thought "They should do something about that." I am now asking you to replace that thought with "I could do ....." The club will be better for it.

Did we do everything this year that we wished? Of course not. I am still struggling with getting some form of portable sunshades so that we do not suffer those incredibly hot days without shelter at both ends of our green. All the alternatives thus far are either expensive or cumbersome but a solution will be found. We need to replace the scoreboard numbers with something that will last more than the six years that the plastic numbers have lasted and that avenue remains to be fully explored. We also wish to get on with a reconfiguration of Anderson House and also of Carnarvon House but both require time that we simply have not had this year.

This was an innovative year. Some things were one time, because of our jubilee but others, such as our entry in the Oak Bay Tea Party Parade, may well continue. The new and enlarged equipment shed will prove its worth in no time flat and plans are well afoot for a concrete pad next to it for sand storage, etc.

Suggestions from members continue to form the basis of some of our activities. The seminar for thirds created by George Davey and Gary Robinson was the result of a member's suggestion, as were the coaching hints and etiquette reminders, which appeared popular. As a result of a suggestion, the executive are trying to determine the value and placement of the Coke machine presently in Anderson House. A further suggestion has us looking into a more convenient PA system so that draw masters can more easily be heard. Not all suggestions can be implemented; for example, we would find it difficult to offer more tournaments - although a suggestion to reformat an existing tournament might well be implemented as that would not upset the social/competitive balance for which we strive.

Finally, I thank you all for the opportunity to be your president in this most significant season. It has been an honor and a privilege and (usually!) enjoyable.

Barry

Many of us "Old Folks" (those over 50, WAY over 50 or hovering near 50) are quite confused about how we should present ourselves. We're unsure about the kind of image we are projecting and whether or not we are correct as we try to be nice and conform to the fashions that the Designers in NYC, California, and/or Paris inflict upon the world.

So I made a sincere study of the situation and here are the results.

The following combinations DO NOT go together and thus should be avoided:

1. A nose ring and bifocals
2. Spiked hair and bald spots
3. A pierced tongue and dentures
4. Miniskirts and support hose
5. Ankle bracelets and corn pads
6. Speedo's and cellulite
7. A belly button ring and a gall bladder surgery scar
8. Unbuttoned disco shirts and a heart monitor
9. Midriff shirts and a midriff bulge
10. Bikinis and liver spots
11. Short shorts and varicose veins
12. Inline skates and a walker

Please keep these basic guidelines foremost in your mind when you shop

## Games Team Report

Even though enrollment was down for both men and women's holiday week events, Oak Bay did very well in winning the men's pairs and women's triples, and placing a finalist in the men's singles and pairs.

As you all know by now, Gary and Jody Robinson won the BC Mixed Pairs championship. To their considerable credit they went on to defeat the best mixed pairs in Canada at the Port Credit, Ontario LBC, and brought a national championship to our province and club in our Jubilee year. WELL DONE GARY AND JODY. GOOD ON YA! HEARTY CONGRATULATIONS.

The Games Team thanks Barry and Mary Browning, Harnam Grewal, Gordon Lough, Vern McBeth, Gwynne Russell, Mickey Sendall, Art Antrobus, Harnam Grewal, Dave Jantzi, Pat Metcalfe and Mary Burke for managing tournaments since our last report.

### Oak Bay Jubilee Pacific Open Pairs (OBJPOP).

We have selected Friday, Saturday and Sunday August 13, 14 and 15 for the 2005 inaugural OBJPOP (Quite a mouthful!). Our greens will be fast and at their best at this time of year, so circle the dates on your calendar!

We have changed our original thinking about the fee structure for this tournament. Instead of charging \$50 per player, we think it makes more sense to charge \$25 to encourage more players to enter, and make the tournament less "elitist." You can bet that the competition will be great, and the prize money significant. We hope to attract a large number of entries from the Island and beyond. We will also offer a Friday night barbecue for players, and perhaps spectators too.

The tournament management committee will be John Cossom, Pat Metcalfe, Gary Robinson, and next year's women's games chair.

We have also accepted a request from a group of Walnut Creek, California, lawn bowlers who want to tour Vancouver and Victoria next August, and play one day of friendly games with our club members, as well as spending a day at Victoria LBC. It looks as if they'll be at our club on Saturday August 27, 2005.

Enjoy the fast departing few weeks of the season. It's been a great summer so far. Let's hope there's a little Indian summer sunshine left for the rest of September and early October.

John Cossom, Chair and Men's Games; Pat Metcalfe and Marion Woiblet, Women's Games.

## FOR THOSE "WHO HAVE DONE IT ALL" AND OTHERS

We would like to thank all Club members who joined in the fun of the Tuesday and Friday night draws and of course the Thursday 'Special Draw'. We enjoyed the atmosphere the draws created, as it was our goal to provide a few moments during our busy bowling season "just to have fun and time to socialize". You made it a pleasure for us.

We were particularly pleased with those who took the time and effort to be recognized as a person who "HAD DONE IT ALL"! Have a good winter. Fred and Shel.

AN UNTITLED POEM; Dedicated to those who "Have Done It All". (Apologies to Paul Anka and Frank Sinatra)

AND NOW, WE END OUR YEAR  
AND SO WE'LL DRAW, THE FINAL CURTAIN.  
BUT DEAR FRIENDS, DON'T SHED A TEAR  
WE'LL STATE OUR CASE, BEFORE FORGOTTEN.

YOU'VE LIVED A LIFE THAT'S FULL.  
YOU'VE BOWLED AT NIGHTS, AND EVERY THURSDAY.  
BUT MORE, MUCH MORE THAN THAT,  
YOU DID IT YOUR WAY!

REGRETS, YOU'VE HAD A FEW  
AND SOME THAT WE WON'T MENTION.  
BUT YOU DID, WHAT YOU WANTED TO  
WITH FLAIR, AND GOOD INTENTION.

YOU'VE WORKED HARD, TO STAY ON COURSE  
AND FILLED YOUR CARDS, IN JUST THE RIGHT WAY,  
BUT MORE, MUCH MORE THAN THAT,  
YOU DID IT YOUR WAY!

YES, THERE WERE TIMES, WE'RE SURE YOU KNEW  
WHEN IT WAS TOUGH, AND, YOU HAD NO CLUE  
BUT THROUGH IT ALL, WHEN THERE WAS DOUBT,  
OUT CAME YOUR CARD, YOU FILLED IT OUT  
YOU FACED IT ALL AND YOU STOOD TALL  
YOU DID IT YOUR WAY!

YOU'VE BOWLED; YOU'VE LAUGHED AND CRIED  
YOU'VE HAD YOUR WINS; YOUR SHARE OF LOSING  
BUT NOW, AS TEARS SUBSIDE,  
YOU FOUND YOUR FRIENDS, ALL SO AMUSING.

TO THINK, YOU DID ALL THAT  
AND MAY WE SAY "NOT IN A SHY WAY",  
NO, OH NO NOT YOU,  
YOU DID IT YOUR WAY!

FOR WHAT IS THE GAME, WHAT HAS IT BROUGHT?  
FUN FOR ONESELF; NEW FRIENDS; THE LOT.  
WHERE ONE SAYS THINGS, ONE TRULY THINKS  
AND JOINS THE LAUGHTER ON THE RINKS  
YOU TOOK THE TORCH; ANSWERED OUR CALL  
WE ARE PROUD TO SAY, "YOU HAVE DONE IT ALL"  
YES, YOU HAVE DONE IT ALL" AND,  
YOU DID IT YOUR WAY"!

## TO GARY AND JODY

During the several days that the National Pairs Tournament was being held at Port Credit every member at the club was anxious to hear of your progress. As you went through the Round Robin it became apparent that our hopes for you were being met. Then we heard that you were in the gold medal round and were pleased. When you won we could not believe how pleased you must have been nor how excited. Well done both of you! We're glad to have you on board.

## Nan Walmsley's Recipe

At the recent wrap-up for the Campbell Cup several ladies sought Nan's Mushroom and Cheese salad recipe. For everyone's benefit, here it is:

Toss together in a bowl one pound of fresh mushrooms thinly sliced and a small red onion, which is sliced paper thin and separated into rings.

Mix in a small jar with tight lid:-

One half teaspoon of each of salt, sugar and leaf chervil.

Add a pinch of tarragon, a dash of cayenne pepper, one third of a cup of olive oil and one quarter of a cup of red wine vinegar.

Shake the lidded jar well then pour over mushrooms and onion.

Cut two slices of whole-wheat bread into small cubes and fry in two tablespoons of olive oil until crisp. Let cool.

Cut one-quarter cup of old cheddar cheese into small cubes. Add bread and cheese cubes to salad.

Just before serving, garnish with one half cup of watercress leaves and the top sprigs of lettuce.

## LOCKER KEYS

Well, Ken warned us:

“When vacating your locker at the end of season, please leave your key on your nametag on the draw desk. Each year, members, who are not returning to our club, for numerous reasons, take their keys with them, creating a cost to the club to replace the duplicate key.

This year it was \$148. Do us all a favor and hang those keys on your tag.

**Kenny B-Keeper of the keys.”**

This is an intolerable and totally unnecessary expense. PLEASE leave your locker empty and your key on the draw tag hook over the winter unless you intend to play shortmat. That way if you should suffer illness or (God forbid!) die, or move away, or simply not come back we at least have your key.

It may not be your fault that we are missing keys but this degree of expenditure indicates that something more than 35 people have been delinquent in turning in or simply losing keys. We cannot accept that.

As announced earlier, next year will see the imposition of a key deposit that will be payable upon registration.

Winter activities will start shortly. Vern will be calling people about the start day for that activity but if you have not played with the group before, you may wish to call him.

Shortmat will again be in charge of Marion Woiblet who will post information on that shortly. It is hoped that bridge, cribbage and Mah Jongg will start in the week following the AGM. Watch for notices

**Barry**

On a lighter subject, On my recent win I thought I would cash in on my 5 minutes of fame, so I announced I through my agent Rick Armstrong, he would handle any offers of transfers to other clubs, Beckham, Owen and sundry did it so I decided to value my worth.

Alas he has had no offers on the table, for the time being I have decided to remove my self from the market

Ken Baggott

## Dart Club 2004-2005

Every Wednesday and Sunday afternoon Beginning Wednesday, October 6<sup>th</sup> 1:00 pm

Join in the fun

Oak Bay Lawn Bowling Club

Carnarvon House

Cost – Free to Winter Activity Members, \$10 to Non-Winter Activity Members

Want more information?

Call Vern at 383-8908

## Garage Sale

Gordon Cowie has volunteered to coordinate the garage sale to be held on Saturday, October 2nd. at 9am. Please look out your surplus books, costume jewelry, white elephants and what have you, and bring them to Anderson House on or after Monday, September 27th.

The sale of electrical items is illegal so leave them at home please and we would appreciate your bringing only clean, undamaged items that will be likely to find a buyer.

Associated with the garage sale will be a bake sale so please everyone get baking. Perishable goods should only be brought to the club on the morning of the sale.

Gordon will certainly appreciate your help.

This sale injects a significant sum into our cash flow so that your donations and your help are great contributors to our budget.

## JUBILEE DRAW FOR BOWLS

Remember that we are drawing for some lucky member to win a set of bowls to a \$500 value at the AGM. These will be of the make and colour of the winner's choice and will be special ordered so that the logo will be OB50.

(Mary Browning says that should she win she wants the bottle green Henselite bowls that she saw at the Greenskeeper's Tournament September 11th! It's a good idea to be like Mary and decide the bowls and colour that you would like by the AGM. Everyone has at least one chance to win.)

A special order will result in the bowls being delivered next spring so the order must be placed this fall.

## Members Passing

Most members will by now have heard of the recent passing of Bert Redshaw and Gordon Hartley. Both men were long time and very valued members of the club who added much to our activities. They are missed.

### **Position of Club Secretary**

The Nominating Committee had, at the time of writing, been unable to find anyone willing to stand as the nominee for the position of Club Secretary. The duties of this position are being rethought to make it less onerous than in the past. It will entail being only the recording secretary at meetings, the correspondence secretary to receive and distribute incoming correspondence and reply to that as necessary, and, as well, to send the relatively little correspondence that emanates from the club.

The position requires ability with a computer and, ideally, some knowledge of the club's relationship to Bowls South Islands, Bowls BC and Bowls Canada but that knowledge is not initially essential.

All positions within the club's organization are equally essential to the club's well being. The position of secretary must be filled, as must the greens keeper's but if no volunteer for

These were to come forward then a commercial alternative would have to be considered. We do not want to hire a part time secretary but that could be necessary, to the detriment of our financial well being, if someone is not willing to take on the position.

Since the club is an equal opportunity volunteer employer the secretary may be of either gender!

**Barry**

### **SHORT MAT - 2004/05**

Open to all Bowlers. These are fun games. Bowlers may sign up for Scotch Pairs and/or Singles.

A Sign-up Sheet will be in place in Anderson House On September 18th, 2004. If possible, please find a partner for the Scotch Pairs ahead of time. Information regarding the games will also be posted on the Notice Board.

There will be a meeting on Friday morning, October 15th, 2004 at 10.00 a.m. in Anderson House to discuss the games and to make up the schedule for the First Session which will start the week of October 17th, 2004

The cost for the Season will be \$10.00 (if not paid in with Membership fee).

**Marion Woiblet and Pat Metcalfe**

### **Be it so noted**

that during the Pairs section of the Labor Day Quaddie, Pat Metcalf-skip and Ray Troyer scored an 8-ender.

### **Cribbage**

Will start Oct 9, 1PM. Join us for spending enjoyable afternoons together.

Pamela Potter (250) 595-1718

### **The Vicissitudes of Aging**

Three retirees, each with a hearing loss, were playing golf one fine March day.

One remarked to the other, "Windy, isn't it?" "No," the second man replied, "it's Thursday."

And the third man chimed in, "So am I. Let's have a beer."



## Jubilee

Well, what was happening in *your* life back in nineteen fifty-four?  
Were you going to the movies....where "White Christmas" was the score?  
Or perhaps you had a television where Ralph and Ed so loudly fought,  
And you would know, on the Hit Parade, Kitty's "Little Things Mean A Lot"!

*She* may have worn a swirl skirt, or one so pencil thin--  
And saddle shoes, and bobby-sox---the longer-look was "in"!  
And *he* might wear a cardigan with stripes upon the sleeve..  
With maybe a school letter if one he did receive.

For they were days of optimism, with the war years left behind,  
And we are blessed in these days that others sought to find  
Some promise for the future in some land to use some day..  
For a recreational facility for bowling in Oak Bay.  
The Oak Bay Lawn Bowling Club has a tradition from the past,  
But also looks to the future with improvements which will last  
For another generation, the efforts they will see..  
Congratulations, those past and present, this our year of Jubilee.

*The Lawn Bowling Widow, A. R. P. Davey, 2004*

Actual writings on hospital charts:

1. She has no rigors or shaking chills, but her husband states she was very hot in bed last night.
2. Patient has chest pain if she lies on her left side for over a year.
3. On the second day the knee was better, and on the third day it disappeared.

4. The patient is tearful and crying constantly. She also appears to be depressed.
5. The patient has been depressed since she began seeing me in 1993.
6. Discharge status: Alive but without my permission.
7. Healthy appearing decrepit 69 year old male, mentally alert but forgetful.

### 74 Year Old Bill And God

74-year old Bill went for his annual physical. All of his tests came back with normal results. Dr. Smith said, " Bill, everything looks great physically. How are you doing mentally and emotionally? Are you at peace with yourself and do you have a good relationship with God?"

Bill replied, "God and me are tight. He knows I have poor eyesight, so he's fixed it so that when I get up in the middle of the night to go to the bathroom \*poof\* the light goes on, when I'm done \*poof\* the light goes off."

"Wow!" commented Dr. Smith, "That's incredible!"

A little later in the day Dr. Smith called George's wife. " Pat," he said, " Bill is doing fine. Physically he's great. But, I had to call because I'm in awe of his relationship with God. Is it true that he gets up during the night and \*poof\* the light goes on in the bathroom and then when he is through \*poof\* the light goes off?"

Pat exclaimed, "Oh, my God! He's peeing in the refrigerator again!"

### Saskatchewan Justice

A big city lawyer went duck hunting in rural Saskatchewan. He shot and dropped a bird, but it fell into a farmer's field on the other side of a fence. As the lawyer climbed over the fence, an elderly farmer drove up on his tractor and asked him what he was doing. The litigator responded, "I shot a duck and it fell in this field, and now I'm going to retrieve it."

The old farmer replied, "This is my property, and you are not coming over here." The indignant lawyer said, "I am one of the best trial attorneys in Canada and, if you don't let me get that duck, I'll sue you and take everything you own. The old farmer smiled and said, "Apparently, you don't know how we settle disputes in Saskatchewan. We settle small disagreements like this with the Saskatchewan Three Kick Rule."

The lawyer asked, "What is the Saskatchewan Three Kick Rule?" The Farmer replied, "Well, because the dispute occurs on my land, first I kick you three times and then you kick me three times and so on back and forth until someone gives up." The attorney quickly thought about the proposed contest and decided that he could easily take the old codger. He agreed to abide by the local custom. The old farmer slowly climbed down from the tractor and walked up to the attorney. His first kick planted the toe of his heavy steel-toed work boot into the lawyer's groin and dropped him to his knees. His second kick to the midriff sent the lawyer's last meal gushing from his mouth. The barrister was on all fours when the farmer's third kick to his rear end sent him face-first into a fresh cow pie.

The lawyer summoned every bit of his will and managed to get to his feet. Wiping his face with the arm of his jacket, he said, "Okay, you old coot. Now it's my turn." The old farmer smiled and said, "Naw, I give up. You can have the duck."

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